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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, February 9, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 317-A

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

SB 207 - Revise laws related to defensive medicine - Sen. Bruce Tutvedt
SR 6 - Confirm appointee to board of alternative health care - Sen. Fred Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SB 148 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SR 6 BE ADOPTED

Comments:



SEN. Fred Thomas, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

Roll Call

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 9, 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
CHAIRMAN FRED THOMAS	X	
VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID HOWARD		X
SENATOR MARY CAFERRO		X
SENATOR DIANE SANDS		X
SENATOR CARY SMITH	X	
SENATOR NELS SWANDAL	X	
SENATOR JONATHAN WINDY BOY		X



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 9, 2015

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Madame President:

We, your committee on **Public Health, Welfare and Safety** report that **Senate Bill 148** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass as amended**.

Signed: _____

Fred Thomas
Senator Fred Thomas, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 6, line 27 through line 28.

Following: "public"

Insert: "the following"

Following: "part 1"

Strike: ", including but not limited to"

2. Page 6, line 29 through line 30.

Strike: subsection (1) through subsection (2) in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 4, No 3

Fiscal Note Required X

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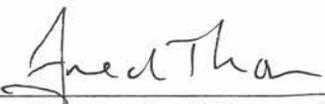


SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 9, 2015
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Madame President:

We, your committee on **Public Health, Welfare and Safety** report that **Senate Resolution 6** (first reading copy -- white) **be adopted.**

Signed: 
Senator Fred Thomas, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 7, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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MONTANA STATE SENATE

Roll Call Vote

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE 2/9/2015 BILL NO SB148 MOTION NO _____

MOTION: DO PASS AS Amended

NAME	AYE	NAY	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
CHAIRMAN FRED THOMAS	X		
VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID HOWARD	X		
SENATOR MARY CAFERRO		X	
SENATOR DIANE SANDS		X	
SENATOR CARY SMITH	X		
SENATOR NELS SWANDAL	X		
SENATOR JONATHAN WINDY BOY		X	X

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
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SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 9, 2015

SB 207 - Revise laws related to defensive medicine

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tutvedt

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Al Smith	MTLA		X	
Craig Done	Self		X	
Dan Buckleg	self		X	
Mike Foster	Catholic Hospitals	X		
Bill Warden	Benefis St. Peter's, Boz Drac	X		
Stephen Tahata	Monida	X		
GREG DRAPES	MONTANA HEALTHCARE	X		
Mona Jamieson	Doctors' Co.	X		
William Galen	MT MEDICAL ASSOC.	X		
Kelly Clau	MT NW ASSOC	X		
Carter Beck, MD	MTA - MT NW ASSO	X		
MARK TAYLOR	MT HOSPITAL ASSOC	X		
NORM WAIN	MT Podiatric Med Assoc	X		
Bill Haswell	MT optometric Assn	X		
Colonn Oppel	MT Chamber	X		
Amer GERMOLZ	Philings Clinic	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.



Montana Wood Products Association

Transfer of federal lands to states

Policy Statement - February 13, 2015

Additional Documents

SENATE: Natural Resources

Date: 2/9/15

Bill No. SB 215

Background

The governor of Montana has important responsibilities concerning the land, air, forest, wildlife, and water resources, as well as energy and mineral development within our borders. Unfortunately, over time, the strength of the federal-state partnership regarding resource management has diminished.

In the West, timber harvest on federal lands has decreased 80 percent over the past 20 years. Timber harvest in Montana has decreased from 1.6bbf in 1986 to roughly 540mmbf in 2013. The decline in harvest has directly led to the closure of 28 mills and the loss of 3,252 primary jobs within Montana's forest products industry.

The erosion of this partnership and management of federal lands within our borders has led to a growing sense of frustration by communities, neighbors and businesses that rely on federal lands for their well being. This frustration has led to the conversation regarding states taking over the ownership and control of federal properties within respective state borders.

Policy Statement

It is the position of the MWPA Board of Directors, that even though we are intimately aware and are directly affected by the decline in resource management within our borders, we do not – at this time – support the movement to transfer federal lands to the state of Montana for either ownership or management responsibilities. With the exception of the Good Neighbor Authority permanently authorized in the 2013 Farm Bill; which allows for cooperative management of National Forest System lands by states, counties and municipalities with certain defined restrictions.

It is unclear what "transfer of federal lands" to states means. Our concern is with any proposal to transfer federal property or "timberland" to state ownership or management could act as a distraction to national efforts and not provide the timely progress needed. Such an action would not only catapult the timber industry back into the "timber wars" of past decades, but it also does not address or resolve the root of the problems we are currently facing with litigation and over-regulatory policies. Regardless of who holds the deeds to the land, we must first address, change, and fix the hurdles to active management.

Congress is working hard to find solutions to federal timber management. Uncertainty surrounding the state's rights issue and any continued discussion or investigation into such an action only serves to distort, distract and derail the important work with regards to the implementation of the forestry provisions in the 2013 Farm Bill and other federal forest reform efforts currently underway.

Board of Directors

SB-136 Talking Points

For the record My name is Dexter Busby with Calumet Montana Refining in Great Falls.

This is a small and simple bill, on page two we define remediation waste, which was not defined in the original statute and on page three; we fix a cap on the amount fee the department can collect from a site or facility as a result the hazardous waste generated by a remediation project.

History: In 2009 when DEQ raised generation, fees for hazardous waste from \$1 per ton progressively over 3-years to \$20 per ton. I among others failed to recognize unintended consequents to those of us that may at one point in time have a remediation project that generates relatively large amount hazardous waste. Routinely these fees raise for the department around \$120,000 with generally less than \$20,000 additional fees coming in from remediation projects. In 2010, three small remediation projects generated more than 32,500 tons of hazardous waste or at today's fee rate would be more than \$650,000, in 2013 one project generated more than \$250,000 in fees. Now to my challenge, in 2014 Calumet moved from one unanticipated remediation project more than 35,000 tons of hazardous waste, which will equate to a fee of about \$750,000 in 2015. With a total Departmental annual budget of about \$800,000 funded by Grants, fees and other legislative appropriations these windfalls, which are not anticipated and not budgeted, should not occur. The Department will argue and correctly so that they do anticipate some fee income from remediation.

Additional Documents

SENATE: Natural Resources

Date: 2/6/15

Bill No. SB 136

Most of these larger remediation projects are the cleanup of legacy industrial sites. In our case, contaminated soils that resulted from different material management standards from an earlier time, the 1920's to the 1950's and have nothing to do with today's operations except location and who pays the bill.

With very few exceptions, other states do not assess fees on remediation waste if they do the state legislature has capped the fee at some diminutive level. Montana is a very glaring exception.

Permanent cleanup and continued use of contaminated industrial sites, of the alternatives is the most desirable and the maybe the most expensive particularly in the short term. To quote an old adage if you want less of something tax it. In short, in these situations taxing or charging a fee for doing the right thing is counterproductive and punitive.

The fee cap in this bill of \$25,000 is in the same range of other states that do charge fees but will allow fees on smaller projects. It is also very sufficient to cover any incremental cost the Department may incur as a result of the projects.

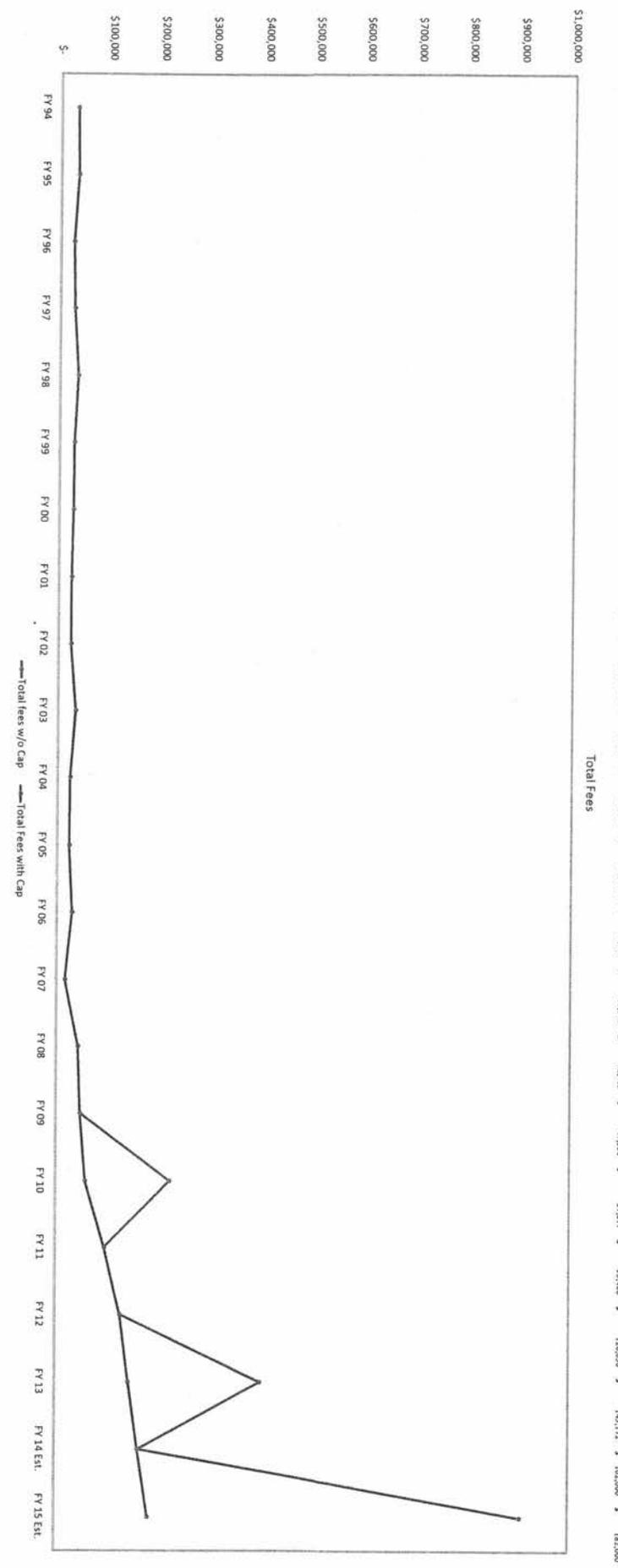
I wish to make it very clear I am not concerned or upset with DEQ, the work they do or any of their folks! This bill is only a correction of an oversight in the original regulation and statute.

Additional Comments

DATE: _____

DEQ Hazardous Waste Fee Receipts

Year	Permit Fee	Total Fee w/o Cap	Total Fee with Cap
FY 94	\$ 3,200	\$ 31,076	\$ 31,076
FY 95	\$ 3,400	\$ 34,565	\$ 34,565
FY 96	\$ 2,600	\$ 26,101	\$ 26,101
FY 97	\$ 2,700	\$ 28,212	\$ 28,212
FY 98	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600
FY 99	\$ 25,310	\$ 25,310	\$ 25,310
FY 00	\$ 24,410	\$ 24,410	\$ 24,410
FY 01	\$ 24,700	\$ 24,700	\$ 24,700
FY 02	\$ 17,863	\$ 17,863	\$ 17,863
FY 03	\$ 26,014	\$ 26,014	\$ 26,014
FY 04	\$ 21,301	\$ 21,301	\$ 21,301
FY 05	\$ 18,616	\$ 18,616	\$ 18,616
FY 06	\$ 20,489	\$ 20,489	\$ 20,489
FY 07	\$ 16,312	\$ 16,312	\$ 16,312
FY 08	\$ 41,820	\$ 41,820	\$ 41,820
FY 09	\$ 37,150	\$ 37,150	\$ 37,150
FY 10	\$ 213,231	\$ 213,231	\$ 213,231
FY 11	\$ 85,606	\$ 85,606	\$ 85,606
FY 12	\$ 119,650	\$ 119,650	\$ 119,650
FY 13	\$ 391,192	\$ 391,192	\$ 391,192
FY 14 Est.	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
FY 15 Est.	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000



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Additional Documents

SENATE: Public Health

Date: 2/9/2015

Bill No. SB 207

February 11, 2015

Senator Fred Thomas, Chair
Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee
P. O. Box 201706
Helena, Montana 59620-1706

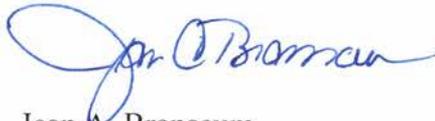
Dear Senator Thomas and Committee members:

I have enclosed a copy of the 2014 Annual Report of the Montana Medical Legal Panel. Information about the MMLP was shared in the recent hearing on SB 207 and I wanted to ensure you had available the most recent report.

The enclosed report presents a detailed view of the Panel operations for the past decade through December 31, 2014. Additionally, the final page of this report provides a table of basic claim history for the past 30 years. The Panel did experience an increase in the number of completed claims filed in 2014. There were 118 completed claims filed in 2014 compared to 92 in 2013. The number of MMLP hearings held also increased to 90.

Please contact the MMLP Executive Office at 443-1110 if you have any questions about the Panel operation or comments about the 2014 Annual Report.

Sincerely,



Jean A. Branscum
Director

Enclosure



MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

As Of February 9, 2015

**MONTANA MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS,
HEARINGS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS**

MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL
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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

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NUMBER & RATE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS FILED AT THE PANEL

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

**PROVIDERS IN CLAIMS, HEARINGS, LAWSUITS
AND JURY TRIALS**

MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL REPORT

MONTANA PROVIDERS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Provider	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	275	79	196	91	97	72	5	2	2	0
2005	289	60	229	107	111	88	5	5	4	1
2006	222	50	172	76	85	63	4	5	3	2
2007	240	71	169	66	98	71	3	8	7	1
2008	195	41	154	66	77	39	8	1	1	0
2009	212	39	173	58	91	30	3	0	0	0
2010	177	29	148	47	70	11	0	0	0	0
2011	166	43	123	23	56	11	0	0	0	0
2012	192	56	133	22	42	0	0	0	0	0
2013	165	38	121	15	27	0	0	0	0	0
2014	189	23	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,322	529	1,693	574	754	385	28	21	17	4
ANNUAL AVERAGE	211	48	153.9	52.2	68.5	35.0	2.5	1.9	1.5	0.4

Note: Special Ruling involves claims or individual health care providers that are dismissed from MMLP level where no party prevails.

It takes approximately five years from a starting point until the rate of malpractice claims "mature" or are fully-reported from an incident year given that Montana has a three year "discovery" statute of limitations. *Some actions are still pending.*

MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL REPORT

MONTANA PHYSICIANS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA PHYSICIANS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Physician	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	183	48	135	66	64	49	3	1	1	0
2005	193	43	150	73	70	57	3	3	3	0
2006	149	35	114	55	54	40	3	4	3	1
2007	154	43	111	47	60	43	1	7	7	0
2008	122	28	94	47	40	18	3	1	1	0
2009	140	26	114	41	55	17	2	0	0	0
2010	109	20	89	30	40	5	0	0	0	0
2011	101	21	80	17	36	7	0	0	0	0
2012	107	24	80	17	20	0	0	0	0	0
2013	104	22	78	10	16	0	0	0	0	0
2014	116	13	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,478	323	1,091	404	455	236	15	16	15	1
ANNUAL AVERAGE	134	29	99.2	36.7	41.4	21.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.1

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL REPORT

MONTANA HOSPITALS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA HOSPITALS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Hospital	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	78	27	51	22	26	18	1	0	0	0
2005	72	13	59	28	29	22	1	1	0	1
2006	45	11	34	13	20	16	1	1	0	1
2007	66	22	44	16	28	20	2	1	0	1
2008	50	10	40	17	20	12	2	0	0	0
2009	53	10	43	15	24	10	1	0	0	0
2010	48	7	41	13	21	3	0	0	0	0
2011	49	17	32	4	16	4	0	0	0	0
2012	61	25	36	3	16	0	0	0	0	0
2013	50	12	37	3	9	0	0	0	0	0
2014	59	8	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	631	162	437	135	209	105	8	3	0	3
ANNUAL AVERAGE	57	15	39.7	12.3	19.0	9.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL REPORT

MONTANA FACILITIES IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA FACILITIES

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Facility	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	10	3	7	1	6	5	1	0	0	0
2005	9	2	7	3	3	1	0	1	1	0
2006	13	2	11	3	7	6	0	0	0	0
2007	14	3	11	2	8	7	0	0	0	0
2008	12	0	12	0	12	5	2	0	0	0
2009	10	1	9	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
2010	14	1	13	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
2011	7	2	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2012	11	4	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2014	7	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	111	21	89	17	59	28	3	1	1	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	10	2	8.1	1.5	5.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL REPORT

MONTANA DENTISTS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA DENTISTS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Dentist	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	8	1	7	2	4	4	0	0	0	0
2006	13	1	12	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
2007	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2008	10	3	7	2	5	4	1	0	0	0
2009	5	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
2010	5	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
2011	7	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2012	9	1	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	73	18	54	17	21	12	1	0	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7	2	4.9	1.5	1.9	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL REPORT

MONTANA PODIATRISTS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA PODIATRISTS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Podiatrist	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
2005	7	1	6	1	5	4	1	0	0	0
2006	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2007	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2008	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2010	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	5	22	1	10	4	1	1	1	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3	0	2.0	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

<p>NUMBER & RATE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS FILED AT THE PANEL</p>
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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

NUMBER AND RATE OF FILED MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

ANNUAL DATA

Panel Claim Filing Year	Number Of Claims Filed At The Panel ¹	Number Of Hearings	Number Of Health Care Providers ²	Number Of Claims As A Percentage Of Montana Health Care Providers
1985	80	76	1,266	6.3%
1986	124	92	1,226	10.1%
1987	97	95	1,226	7.9%
1988	101	71	1,795	5.6%
1989	110	90	1,806	6.1%
1990	102	109	1,808	5.6%
1991	85	75	1,765	4.8%
1992	101	68	1,947	5.2%
1993	121	90	1,983	6.1%
1994	121	106	2,073	5.8%
1995	150	106	2,122	7.1%
1996	139	128	2,143	6.5%
1997	143	110	2,148	6.7%
1998	146	131	2,189	6.7%
1999	149	134	2,230	6.7%
2000	145	141	2,272	6.4%
2001	139	112	2,416	5.8%
2002	149	124	2,414	6.2%
2003	170	132	2,547	6.7%
2004	153	127	2,558	6.0%
2005	175	162	2,623	6.7%
2006	130	125	2,618	5.0%
2007	136	107	2,738	5.0%
2008	110	98	2,783	4.0%
2009	122	93	2,905	4.2%
2010	100	98	3,015	3.3%
2011	94	78	3,215	2.9%
2012	108	81	3,215	3.4%
2013	92	75	3,367	2.7%
2014	118	90	3,480	3.4%
Total	3,710	3,124		

¹Number Of Claims Filed At The Panel represents: Claims deemed complete.

²Montana Health Care Providers include: Physicians, Podiatrists, Dentists, Facilities and Hospitals.